



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

15th September 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this term. I have enjoyed meeting many of you on the school playground at the beginning and end of the day, thank you for the warm welcome. The children have made a pleasing start to the new term and I have been impressed by their positive attitudes to learning and behaviour in school.

Achievement Awards

Every Friday we have a celebration assembly. Teachers choose a child that has shown exceptional learning, behaviour or attitude. The "star of the week" is presented with a rosette which they can wear with pride for the duration of the week.

The children also enjoyed the "Headteachers Bonus Ball". Each child has a register number, if their number is chosen, they meet with me to share their Maths and English learning and talk about their achievements for the week.

I am very happy to celebrate home achievements in celebration assembly. Please send in any achievement that your child is proud of eg: swimming certificates.

Attendance

Please may I remind you about the importance of good attendance and its contribution to high achievement. Last academic year our whole school attendance was 96.76% which is a huge improvement on the previous year. Please keep up the good work and try really hard to ensure that your child does not miss school unless they are really poorly. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

Punctuality

Please may I also remind you of the importance of punctuality. KS2 lessons will begin promptly after the registers are taken at 8.45am. In KS1, lessons begin after the registers are taken at 8.55am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child has taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge, we would like to celebrate this in school. When your child receives their certificate and medal, please send them into school so that we can share them in assembly.



Summer Holiday Diaries

As soon as your child has completed their holiday diary, please send it into school. Miss Pidgeon is looking forward to reading them and knows how

much work goes into writing them. Please return diaries by Friday 29th September. Certificates and prizes will be given out in assembly at the beginning of October.

Afternoon Tea

Any children who complete both the reading challenge and holiday diary will be invited for afternoon tea with Miss Pidgeon and me. We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of children who made the extra effort over the summer holiday.



School Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who were voted by their classes to become part of the School Council:

- Year 2 Neve Mallett and Joe Knight
- Year 3 Poppy Crake and Kailan Ross-Brennan
- Year 4 Nina Fry and Leo Grayling
- Year 5 Ruby Leggett and Jack Nolson
- Year 6 Isabelle Wright and Jenson Baker

Applying for School Place

Please note the following deadlines for Secondary School and Primary School applications:

Secondary School:
Monday 31st October 2017

Primary/Reception:
Sunday 15th January 2018

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding

I would like to remind parents **who are on income support or jobseekers allowance that you should still register for free school meals** as your child will be eligible for pupil premium funding. This money comes directly to the school and is used effectively to support their learning and development. This can be done by telephone on 0300 123 4048 or on-line via :

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/canhelp/>

School Meals

Please note the cost of school meals is £2.40 per day for Nursery children and £2.50 per day for KS2 children (Years 3-6).

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to universal free school meals and I would encourage you to take advantage of this entitlement. School meals are tasty, healthy and nutritious and children are supported and encouraged to try new foods alongside their friends.

Packed Lunches

For the health and safety of all of our children, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. Some of our children have severe allergies which can be affected by close proximity to nuts. Thank you for your co-operation.



School Uniform

Thank you for returning your children to school looking very smart in their new uniforms. Please help us to maintain high standards by making sure that they continue to wear items of clothing that fit our uniform guidelines. Navy jumpers or sweatshirts for indoor wear, not hoodies or fleeces please. Also, long hair must be tied back and boys' haircuts should be smart and appropriate for school – no shaved patterns or 'extreme' haircuts please. For health and safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn to school, other than stud earrings for pierced ears.

I would also like to remind you that all children need a PE kit consisting of a plain white t-shirt and navy shorts. Trainers should be suitable for sportswear and not the latest fashion accessory. PE kit should be brought into school at the beginning of the week. PE is an important part of the curriculum and all children are required to participate.

Bags2School/Cake Sale/Disco

At the end of the summer term the fundraising committee raised £120 through Bags2School. Thank you for all your donations. Please note the next collection will be Monday 13th November.

Whole school Cake sale- Friday 20th October 3pm

School Disco – Friday 10th November
Nursery to Year 2 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Years 3 to 6 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Fundraising

I had the pleasure in meeting with Emma Richardson from Trotts Hill Fundraising Group this week. She shared with me the fantastic fundraising ideas for the year ahead. Like many schools, our school budget is causing concern and the efforts of the fundraising team are highly valued. If you would like to support the school and join the Fundraising team please contact Emma on e.richardson@trotts Hill.herts.sch.uk or message her on Trotts Hill Fundraising Group Facebook page. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Harvest

Parents are very welcome to attend our Harvest assembly on Thursday 19th October.
9.30am- Nursery/Reception/ KS1
10.30am- KS2

How well do you know Trotts Hill?

Mr Driver our site manager organised for a Tree Survey to maintain our beautiful site. How many trees do you think are on our grounds? Can you count them with your child? The number will be shared next week in assembly!

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 10th October 3.30pm- 6.30pm and Thursday 12th October 4pm-7pm.

Breakfast club/After school club

We are pleased to offer a breakfast club from 8am (8.15am for nursery children) and an after school club until 4.15pm. Please book on line in advance where possible so we can ensure we have the correct staff/ratios for the children, alternatively inform the school office. Many thanks

Breakfast club prices:

Child with breakfast £4.50
Child without breakfast before 8.30am £3.50
Child +1 sibling without breakfast before 8.30am £5.50
Child +2 siblings without breakfast before 8.30am £7.50
Child without breakfast after 8.30am £1.50

After school club prices:

One child £3.00
Child +1 sibling £5.50
Child +2 siblings £8.00

Thank you
Liz Evans

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the school that you would like to put forward or strengths you would like to see remain, please fill in the tear off slip below or email: head@trottshill.herts.sch.uk

Idea/Suggestion:

Parent/Carer's Name:

Child's Name:

Year: